Graduate Council Minutes – March 17, 2015

Time 1:30 – 2:25 p.m.
Place Chaffee Conference Room, Riverfront Hall, Room 307A

Present
Janet Holmes, Department of English
David Wilkins, Department of Geosciences
Keith Harvey, College of Business and Economics
Pam Strohfus, School of Nursing
Molly Valceschini, ASBSU, Graduate Representative
Jack Pelton, Graduate College
Tracy Bicknell-Holmes, Library Representative
Christopher Hill, Graduate College
Dawn Ramirez, Graduate College

Absent
Ross Perkins, Department of Educational Technology
Arvin Farid, Department of Civil Engineering
Nader Rafla, Faculty Senate Liaison and Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Greg Hill, Department of Public Policy and Administration
Mark Damm, Registrar’s Office

Guests
Charles Hanna, Department of Physics
Denise Wingett, Biomolecular Sciences Program
Shari Ellerton, Office of Institutional Research
Margie Ruppel, Albertsons Library
Sarah Toevs, Department of Community and Environmental Health

Discussion - Adding Learning Outcomes Information to Curriculum Requests
Sarah Toevs, Shari Ellerton, and Margie Ruppel presented a suggested change to add learning outcomes information to Request for Curriculum Action forms.

Graduate Council Concerns
1. Adding learning outcomes information to every course curriculum change may bog down the curriculum review and approval process for the Graduate Council.
2. There may be variances to the learning outcomes of courses because of how individual instructors teach the course.
3. It may be difficult to provide specific learning outcomes for some courses, e.g. seminars, selected topics, recitals, workshops.
4. Where or how will students and other stakeholders access the learning outcomes information?
Graduate Council Suggestions
1. Make curriculum maps and program outcomes readily available and/or post them on every departmental website.
2. Instead of providing course specific learning outcomes in the proposal specify how the course fits with the program outcomes.
3. Add a new Program Outcome Relationship section to the Request for Curriculum Action form. The new section would only be for new courses or new additions to a program.

New Business
Minutes from March 3, 2015
Motion to approve by Tracy Bicknell-Holmes, seconded by Pam Strohfus. Approved unanimously as written.

Curriculum Proposals
1. Proposal from the Department of Physics – Charles Hanna
   - Create PHYS 604 MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOPHYSICS
   - Delete PHYS 611 MOLECULAR BIOPHYSICS
   - Delete PHYS 612 CELLULAR IMAGING AND BIOPHYSICS
     ○ In Implementation Date section change “Fall 2016” to “Fall 2015”
Motion to approve by Tracy Bicknell-Holmes, seconded by Janet Holmes. Approved unanimously as amended.
2. Proposal from the Biomolecular Sciences Program – Denise Wingett
   - Remove PHYS 611 MOLECULAR BIOPHYSICS from degree box.
   - Remove PHYS 612 CELLULAR IMAGING AND BIOPHYSICS from degree box.
   - Add new course PHYS 604 MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOPHYSICS into degree box.
     ○ In Implementation Date section change “Fall 2016” to “Fall 2015”
Motion to approve by Tracy Bicknell-Holmes, seconded by Pam Strohfus. Approved unanimously as amended.
3. Proposal from the Department of Geosciences – David Wilkins
   - Change Remove GEOS 611 Basin Analysis from Master of Science in Geology degree box
   - Change degree requirements for Master of Science in Geology
   - Change name of degree program for Master of Science in Geology
   - Change degree requirements for the Master of Science in Hydrologic Sciences
Motion to approve by Pam Strohfus, seconded by Tracy Bicknell-Holmes. Approved unanimously as written.

Approved Graduate Faculty
Willhaus, Janet, Nursing; Ph.D., 2013, Washington State University

Approved Graduate Faculty with Endorsement to Chair Thesis and/or Dissertation Committees
Hausegger, Lori, Political Science; Ph.D., 1999, Ohio State University
Kettler, Jaclyn J., Political Science; Ph.D., 2014, Rice University
Vaughn, Justin S., Political Science; Ph.D., 2007, Texas A&M University
Wampler, Brian, Political Science; Ph.D., 2000, University of Texas
Yenor, Scott, Political Science; Ph.D., 2000, Loyola University Chicago

Approved Adjunct Graduate Faculty
Li, Aihua, Geosciences; Ph.D., 2012, Beijing Normal University
Shinneman, Douglas J., Geosciences; Ph.D., 2006, University of Wyoming
Other Business
Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.